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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD

REF: CARACAS 5635

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED VERIFY UPI STORY DATELINE OTTAWA IN WHICH MINISTER OF TRADE JEAN CHRETIEN ANNOUNCED PROJECT WITH SPAIN AND LOCAL VENEZUELAN CONTRACTORS. ACCORDING TO REPORT, APPROXIMATE SHARING WOULD BE 40-40 WITH VENEZUELAN CONTRACTORS TAKING 20PERCENT OF JOB. CANADA WILL SUPPLY ENGINES, ROLLING STOCK, TRACK, AND ENGINEERING. SPANISH COMPANIES WOULD BUILD BRIDGES, LAY TRACK, AND PROVIDE RAILROAD OPERATIONS AND TRAINING.

2. THIS PRESS RELEASE DID NOT MENTION ANY DECISION ON IDENTITY OF OVERALL PROJECT MANAGER. IT DID QUOTE MINISTER CHRETIEN AS STATING THAT QUOTE IS HAD TAKEN TOUGH BARGAINING FOR CANADA TO CLINCH THE DEAL BECAUSE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES HAD APPEARED TO FAVOR GIVING CONTRACT TO SPAIN, THE MOTHER COUNTRY END QUOTE.

3. ANY INSIGHT YOU CAN PROVIDE REGARDING POSSIBLE DERIVATIVE BUSINESS FOR IS FIRMS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. AS REPORTED REFTEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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MORRISON-KNUDSEN AND PULLMAN-SWINDELL INTERESTED IN GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, TRACK LAYING AND ENGINEERING WHILE BECHTEL HAS ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN ACTING IN ROL OF OVERALL PROJECT MANAGER.

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